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Appeal 2011-003964  
Application 10/014,179  
Technology Center 2400

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Before STEVEN J. BARTLETT, *Support Division 2 Manager.*

ORDER REMANDING APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 10, 2011. A Docketing Notice was mailed on January 11, 2011. Upon review of the application, it has been determined that a remand to the Examiner is necessary to consider the following issues and to take necessary corrective action.

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**REPLY BRIEF NOT CONSIDERED**

A Reply Brief was filed in this application on August 17, 2010. There is no evidence on the record indicating that the Examiner has considered the Reply Brief in accordance with 37 CFR § 41.43(a)(1) and MPEP § 1208, part II.

Accordingly, it is ordered that the application is remanded to the Examiner:

- 1) to consider the Reply Brief filed August 17, 2010, as indicated above;
- 2) for further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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